

May the light of love, compassion, and peace from our creator and sustainer fall upon each of you in the new year and in years to come. Let each of us strive to spread the joy and peace that compassionate hearts can bring. Happy New Year.

38th Annual ORW Rankings

Since 1970, the Ohio Racewalker has ranked the world's racewalkers based on performances during the year. At first, it was just men at 20 and 50 Km. In 1972, we added U.S. rankings at both those distances, and in 1979, as a viable program for women was finally emerging, women's rankings, both World and U.S. Originally, the women's rankings were at 5 and 10 km, the distances at which they usually competed. In 1985, we dropped the 5 Km rankings since most international competition was by then almost exclusively at the 10 Km distance. In 1999, the Women's Rankings shifted to 20 Km when that became the distance for international competitions. Should there be any significant increase in women's competitions at 50 Km, we will gladly add that event to the rankings.

These rankings are based strictly on the opinion of your editor, arbitrary, but with close attention to the year's entire set of performances for each athlete. All comments and disagreements are welcome and may be published, but the likelihood of the rankings being altered is very slight.

2007 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

1. Olga Kaniskina, Russia
1:29:02 (3) Adler 2/7
1:28:13 (2) Euro Cup 5/19
1:30:09 (1) World Champ. 8/31
1:26:47 (1) Saransk 9/29

2. Ryta Turava, Belarus
1:28:01 (1) Rio Maior 4/14
1:27:10 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:27:52 (1) Euro Champ. 5/19
1:28:44 (1) La Coruna 6/2
1:30:36 (1) Krakow 6/23

3. Tatyana Shemyukina, Russia
1:31:49 (5) Rus. Champ. 6/16
1:30:42 (1) Euro U. 23 7/13
1:30:42 (2) World Champ. 8/31
DNF Saransk 9/29

4. Kjersti Platzer, Norway
1:32:30 (1) Naucalpan 3/10
1:28:54 (2) Rio Maior 4/14
1:27:41 (2) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:30:22 (2) La Coruna 6/2
1:31:24 (4) World Champ. 8/31
DNF Saransk 9/29

5. Maria Vasco, Spain
DQ Span. Champ. 3/4
DNF Rio Maior 4/14
1:29:17 (5) Euro Cup 5/19
1:30:47 (3) World Champ. 8/31

6. Sabine Zimmer, Germany
1:30:13 (4) Rio Maior 4/14
1:30:20 (5) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:32:55 (4) Krakow 6/23
1:33:21 (8) World Champ. 8/31
1:32:19 (7) Saransk 9/29

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7. Elisa Rigaud, Italy
1:32:25 (1) Lugano 4/1
1:30:41 (5) Rio Maior 4/14
1:30:54 (6) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:29:15 (4) Euro Cup 5/19
1:31:20 (2) Krakow 6/23
DNF World Champ. 8/31

8. Susana Feitor, Portugal
1:31:35 (1) Portugal 3/13
1:34:16 (4) Naucalpan 3/10
1:31:15 (7) Rio Maior 4/14
1:31:40 (9) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:31:28 (14) Euro Cup
DNF La Coruna 6/2
1:32:01 (5) World Champ. 8/31

9. Claudia Stef, Romania
1:35:56 (5) Naucalpan 3/10
1:31:53 (8) Rio Maior 4/14
1:30:34 (8) Euro Cup 5/19
1:31:54 (3) La Coruna 8/31
1:32:47 (6) World Champ. 8/31
1:35:14 (11) Saransk 9/29

10. Ines Henriques, Portugal
1:33:32 (3) Poutugal
1:38:11 (6) Naucalpan 3/10
1:34:09 (11) Rio Maior 4/14
1:31:21 (8) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:30:24 (7) Euro Cup 5/19
1:33:18 (6) La Coruna 6/2
1:33:06 (7) World Champ. 8/31

Kaniskina's dominating win in the World Championship followed by the fastest time for the year in the IAAF Challenge final gave her the nod for first. . . Turava beat Kaniskina in the European Cup and went undefeated in Challenge races, but did not compete in the World Championship, costing her the number one spot. . . With a win in the Euro Under 23 race and second in the World Championships, Shemyakina gets the nod for third over Platzer, who lost only to Turava before taking fourth in the worlds. . . Rigaud would probably be next had she not dropped out of the World Championships, the most important race of the year. Zimmer, though only eighth in that race, beat Feitor decisively at both Rio Maior and Sesto San Giovanni, and Feitor had that 14th in the Euro Cup to blot her record. . . But, she beat Stef consistently to take the eighth spot. . . Henriques had a consistent if not brilliant record for the tenth spot.

2007 Top 50 Performers

1:26:47 Olga Kaniskina, Russia
1:27:10 Rytia Turava, Belarus
1:27:41 Kjersti Platzer, Norway
1:28:00 Anna Kornikova, Russia
1:28:25 Hongjuan Song, China
1:28:29 Elena Ginko, Belarus
1:28:31 Alena Zenkova-Nartova, Russia
1:28:46 Tatyana Korotkova, Russia
1:28:51 Tatyana Shemyakina, Russia
1:28:51 Tatyana Sibileva, Russia
1:28:58 Mayumi Kawasaki, Japan
1:29:01, Lyudmila Arkhipova, Russia
1:29:15 Elisa Rigaud, Italy
1:29:17 Maria Vasco, Spain
1:29:32 Melanie Seeger, Germany
1:29:35 Masumi Fuchise, Japan
1:29:41 Hong Liu, China
1:29:45 Jing Jing, China
1:29:56 Irina Stankina, Russia
1:30:07 Tatyana Kozlova, Russia
1:30:12 Yanmin Bai, China
1:30:13 Sabine Zimmer, Germany
1:30:16 Ryoko Sakakura, Japan
1:30:19 Olga Mikhaylova, Russia
1:30:22 Larisa Yemelyanova, Russia

1:30:24 Ines Henriques, Portugal
1:30:27 Quiyan Jiang, China
1:30:34 Claudia Stef, Romania
1:30:37 Beatriz Pascual, Spain
1:30:48 Maria Jose Poves, Spain
1:30:49 Sachio Konishi, Japan
1:30:51 Jane Saville, Australia
1:30:58 Na Shi, China
1:31:10 Tatyana Gudkova, Russia
1:31:12 Snizhanna Yurchanka, Belarus
1:31:13 Vira Zozula, Ukraine
1:31:15 Susana Feitor, Portugal
1:31:14t Xiaoling Song, China
1:31:20 Monica Svensson, Sweden
1:31:31 Svetlana Solovyova, Russia
1:31:53t Shan Shan Wang, China
1:31:59 Svetlana Vasilyeva, Russia
1:32:05 Natalya Shviriyeva, Russia
1:32:05 Yekaterina Yezhova, Russia
1:32:12 Sha Yang, China
1:32:19 Zuzana Malikova, Slovakia
1:32:20t Jingjing Hue, China
1:32:22 Antonina Petrova, Russia
1:32:25 Olive Loughnane, Ireland
1:32:29 Jolanta Dukure, Latvia

2007 World 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
1:21:14 (6) Shenzhen 3/24
1:20:08 (1) Pan Am Cup 4/21
1:22:08 (1) Pan Am Games 7/29
1:22:20 (1) World Champ. 8/26

2. Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:19:52 (1) Spanish Champ. 3/4

1:18:51 (1) Shenzhen 3/24
1:18:50 (1) La Coruna 6/2
DNF Krakow 6/23
1:22:40 (1) World Champ. 8/26

3. Hatem Ghoul, Tunisia
1:23:27 (18) Shenzhen 3/24
1:24:08 (8) Rio Maior 4/14
1:20:53 (3) Krakow 6/23
1:22:33 (1) African Games 7/21
1:22:40 (3) World Champ. 8/26

4. Vladimir Kanaykin, Russian
1:17:36 (1) Russian Champ. 6/17
1:17:16 (1) Saransk 9/29

5. Yohann Diniz, France
1:18:58 (1) Euro Cup 5/20
1:23:16 (1) French Champ. 8/4

6. Eder Sanchez, Mexico
1:24:00 (3) Naucalpan 3/9
1:20:08 (3) Shenzhen 3/24
1:28:20 (6) Pan Am Cup 4/21
1:21:38 (9) La Coruna 6/2
1:20:26 (1) Krakow 6/23
1:23:36 (4) World Champ. 8/26

7. Luke Adams, Australia
1:25:10 (1) Aust. Champ. 3/11
1:20:30 (5) Shenzhen 3/24
1:20:50 (2) Rio Maior 4/14
1:22:18 (2) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:21:00 (5) Krakow 6/23
1:23:52 (7) World Champ. 8/26
1:21:01 (2) Saransk 9/29

8. Robert Heffernan, Ireland
1:23:03 (3) Span. Champ. 3/4
1:21:52 (11) Shenzhen 3/24
DQ Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:20:15 (5) Euro Cup 5/20
1:22:38 (11) La Coruna 6/2
1:23:42 (6) World Champ. 8/26

9. Giorgio Rubino, Italy
1:21:17 (10) Euro Cup 5/20
DQ Euro U23 7/14
1:23:29 (5) World Champ. 8/26

10. Erik Tysse, Norway
1:20:56 (3) Rio Maior 4/14
1:21:38 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:21:33 (11) Euro Cup 5/20
1:21:32 (8) La Coruna 6/2
1:22:03 (1) Scan. Champ. 6/8
1:20:31 (1) Krakow 6/23
1:24:10 (8) World Champ. 8/26
DNF Saransk 9/29

Perez never walked a fast time, but once again, he proved himself superior on the big stage to earn his fourth No. 1 ranking, along with three No. 2s. . . Fernandez was very impressive in his first three races, but could not match Perez when it counted and even his second in the Worlds was clouded by his overruled DQ. . . Ghoul got better as the season progressed and finally rose to the promise he has shown for years with his brilliant third at the Worlds. . . Kanaykin did not compete in any of the challenge races or the World Championships, but had the two fastest times of the year, the second beating Perez's World Record by 1 second. . . Diniz's impressive win in the European Cup earns him the fifth spot. . . Adams had a more consistent record than Sanchez, but the Mexican beat him three times, including in the Worlds. . . Heffernan and Rubino could go either way, but the Irishman finished well ahead at the Euro Cup and gets the eighth spot. . . Tysse had good races and bad and his DNF at the Challenge final cost him a chance at outranking the two ahead of him.

2007 Top 50 Performers

1:17:16 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
1:17:36 Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:18:56 Valeriy Borchin, Russia
1:18:56 Ilya Markov, Russia

1:18:58 Yohan Diniz, France
1:19:03 Gaobo Li, China
1:19:14 Sergey Bakulin, Russia
1:19:15 Yucheng Han, China

1:19:21 Igor Erokhin, Russia
 1:19:34 Nathan Deakes, Australia
 1:19:36 Ivano Brugnetti, Italy
 1:19:57 Viktor Burayev, Russia
 1:20:07 Andrey Ruzavin, Russia
 1:20:08 Eder Sanchez, Mexico
 1:20:12 Andrey Krivov, Russia
 1:20:13 Ivan Trotskiy, Belarus
 1:20:15 Robert Heffernan, Ireland
 1:20:16 Ronghua Lu, China
 1:20:16 Dmitriy Yesipchuk, Russia
 1:20:20 Chil-Sung Park, Korea
 1:20:30 Luke Adams, Australia
 1:20:31 Erik Tysse, Norway
 1:20:32 Andre Hohna, Germany
 1:20:40 Hatem Choula, Tunisia
 1:20:42 Joao Vieira, Portugal
 1:20:44 Juan Manuel Molina, Spain
 1:20:54 Hyunsub Kim, Korea
 1:21:02 Siarhei Charnou, Belarus
 1:21:09 Takayuki Tani, Japan

1:21:11 Ivan Kuznetsov, Russia
 1:21:14 Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
 1:21:14 Vladimir Stankin, Russia
 1:21:17 Giorgio Rubino, Italy
 1:21:20t Hao Wang, China
 1:21:21 Benjamin Sanchez, Spain
 1:21:25 Jared Tallent, Australia
 1:21:26 Yan Wei, China
 1:21:30 Koichiro Morioka, Japan
 1:21:36 Guoqiang Zeng, China
 1:21:42t Mario Giong, Italy
 1:21:47 Il-Yong Shin, Korea
 1:21:50 Andrei Talashka, Belarus
 1:21:56 Sergey Sergachev, Russia
 1:21:57 Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain
 1:21:58 Benjamin Kucinski, Poland
 1:22:06 Jimin Dong, China
 1:22:08 Rafal Augustyn, Poland
 1:22:12 Sergio Vieira, Portugal
 1:22:12 Mikalai Seradovich, Belarus
 1:21:13t Hafei Chu, China

2007 World 50 Km Rankings

1. Nathan Deakes, Australia
 2:43:53 (1) World Champ. 9/1
 2. Alex Schwarzer, Italy
 3:36:04 (1) Italian Champ. 2/11
 3:55:33 (1) Dublin 6/17
 3:44:38 (3) World Champ. 9/1
 3. Yohan Diniz, France
 3:44:22 (2) World Champ. 9/1
 4. Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia
 3:40:53 (1) Russian Champ. 6/1y
 3:46:57 (4) World Champ. 9/1
 5. Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
 3:40:57 (1) Euro Cup 5/20
 DNF World Champ. 9/1

6. Erik Tysse, Norway
 3:57:55 (1) USATF Champ. 1/28
 3:51:52 (5) World Champ. 9/1
 7. Trond Nymark, Norway
 3:41:31 (2) Euro Cup 5/20
 3:57:22 (8) World Champ. 9/1
 8. Oleg Kistkin, Russia
 3:41:51 (3) Euro Cup
 9. Mikel Odriozola, Spain
 3:55:19 (6) World Champ. 9/1
 10. Chao Sun, China
 3:50:46 (2) Shenzhen 3/25
 3:55:43 (7) World Champ. 9/1

Deakes walked just one 50, but it won the World Championship and the No. 1 spot. . .Diniz edged Schwarzer in the Worlds, but he Italian had two other quality races, one the fastest time of the year. . .Nizhegorodov was a solid fourth at the Worlds and had an excellent race in winning his national championship. . .Kanyuakin's solid win in the Euro Cup earns him the fifth spot, despite his failure to finish the World Championship race. . .Tysse is an easy pick for sixth with his fifth in the Worlds, well clear of the rest of the field. . .Nymark was only eighth in the Worlds, but a strong second in the Euro Cup, just ahead of Kiskin. . .They shuffle Odriozola, who finished sixth in the Worlds back to ninth and Sun to tenth.

2007 Top 50 Performers

3:36:04 Alex Schwarzer, Italy
 3:40:53 Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia
 3:40:57 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
 3:41:31 Trond Nymark, Norway
 3:41:51 Oleg Kistkin, Russia
 3:41:52 Aleksey Voyevodin, Russia

3:42:55 Yuriy Andronov, Russia
 3:43:53 Nathan Deakes, Australia
 3:44:22 Yohan Diniz, France
 3:44:26 Chengliang Zhao, China
 3:46:08 Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain
 3:46:56 Santiago Perez, Spain

3:47:04 Marco De Luca, Italy
 3:47:40 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan
 3:48:07 Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland
 3:49:27 Chaohong Yu, China
 3:50:08 Takayuki Tani, Japan
 3:50:46 Chao Sun, China
 3:50:53 Francisco Pinardo, Spain
 3:51:11 Sergey Melentyev, Russia
 3:51:52 Colin Griffin, Ireland
 3:51:34 Eddy Riva, France
 3:51:34 David Boulanger, France
 3:51:51 Erik Tysse, Norway
 3:51:59 Vitaliy Talankou, Belarus
 3:52:07 Xavier Moreno, Ecuador
 3:52:17 Antonio Pereira, Portugal
 3:52:35 Horacio Nava, Mexico
 3:53:24 Jainb o Li, China
 3:53:30 Jamie Costin, Ireland
 3:53:57 Ingus Janevics, Latvia

3:55:10 Milos Batovsky, Slovakia
 3:54:19 Shuca Zing, China
 3:54:23 Donatas Skarnulis, Lithuania
 3:54:24 Maik Berger, Germany
 3:54:42 Zhide Cui, China
 3:55:05 Jianguo Zhao, China
 3:55:08 Tim Berrett, Canada
 3:55:14 Augusto Cardoso, Portugal
 3:55:19 Mikel Odriozola, Spain
 3:55:21 Diego Cafagna, Italy
 3:55:22 Gzergorz Sudol, Poland
 3:55:35 Alatan Gadasu, China
 3:55:45 Faguang Xu, China
 3:55:55 Ken Akashi, Japan
 3:56:04 Omar Zepeda, Mexico
 3:56:11 Weilong Guan, China
 3:56:16 Jose Alejandro Cambil, Spain
 3:56:43 Yang Hou, China
 3:57:01 Denis Langlois, France

2007 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Women

1. Teresa Vaill
 1:34:42 (2) Chula Vista ½1
 1:35:44 (1) Pan Am Trials
 1:37:29 (1) US Champ. 6/24
 DQ Pan Am Games 7/22
 DQ World Champ. 8/3
 2. Joanne Dow
 1:34:21 (1) Chula Vista ½1
 3. Sam Cohen
 1:42:45 (2) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:41:53 (11) Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:40:54 (3) U.S. Champs 6/24
 1:38:58 (1) Kenosha 10/14
 4. Jolene Moore
 1:43:31 (3) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:47:44 (13) Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:39:25 (2) U.S. Champs
 DQ Pan Am Games 7/22
 5. Maria Michta
 1:45:55 (5) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:53:55 (20) Pan Cup 4/21
 1:45:02 (1) Hauppauge 4/20
 1:41:20 (4) U.S. Champs 6/24
 1:56:44 (2) Empire State Games 7/20

6. Amber Antonia
 1:38:50 (2) Kenosha 10/14
 7. Loretta Schuellein
 1:44:17 (4) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 DNF Pan Am Cup 4/21
 DQ U.S. Cnamp. 6/24
 8. Stephanie Casey
 1:47:26 (1) Oregon 6/10
 1:45:16 (1) Salem 9/16
 9. Carolyn Kealty
 1:49:01 (6) Pan Am Trials
 1:51:35 (1) Coconut Creek 11/18
 10. Susan Randall
 1:51:55 (80) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:59:09 (1) Dayton 5/6
 1:49:58 (5) U.S> Champ. 6/24

2007 Top 24 Performances

1:34:21 Joanne Dow
 1:34:42 Teresa Vaill
 1:38:50 Amber Antonia
 1:38:50 Sam Cohen
 1:39:25 Jolene Moore

1:41:26 Maria Michta
 1:44:17 Loretta Schuellein
 1:45:16 Stephanie Casey
 1:48:20 Kristen Mullaney
 1:49:01 Carolyn Kealty

1:49:58 Susan Randall
 1:50:53 Dorothy Slentz
 1:51:43 Diana Rado
 1:52:02 Susan Armenta
 1:52:25 Erin Tayhor
 1:53:10 Cheryl Lemons
 1:53:15 Deborah Huberty

1:53:18 Solomiya Login
 1:53:35 Laura Feller
 1:53:18 Lauren Forgues
 a:55:16 Ali Bahr
 1:56:16 Tori Cooper
 1:56:43 Jenna Monahan
 1:58:43, Lorraine Horgan

2007 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Kevin Eastler
 1:21:20 (1) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:29:47 (7) Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:22:56 (12) La Coruna 6/2
 1:26:44 (1) U.S. Champ. 6/23
 1:28:59 (28) World Champ. 8/21

2. Tim Seaman
 1:24:21 (2) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:38:41 (14) Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:23:38 (13) La Coruna 6/2
 1:25:18 (2) U.S. Champ 6/23
 1:33:58 (31) World Champ. 8/25

3. Matt Boyles
 1:28:50 (4) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 DQ Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:33:26 (1) Dayton 5/6
 1:28:46 (3) U.S. Champ. 6/23
 1:30:03 (5) Pan Am Games 7/22

4. John Nunn
 1:27:58 (3) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 1:28:52 (24) La Coruna 6/2
 1:31:21 (4) U.S. Champ. 6/23
 1:32:37 (7) Pan Am Games 7/22
 1:35:22 (9) World Mi. Games 10/16

2007 Top 18 Performers

1:22:56 Kevin Eastler
 1:23:38 Tim Seaman
 1:27:55 John Nunn
 1:28:41 Matt Boyles
 1:32:55 Patrick Stroupe
 1:34:02 Patrick Collier
 1:34:23 Allen James
 1:34:45 Philip Dunn
 1:34:54 Michael Tarantino

5. Patrick Stroupe
 1:33:26 (2) Dayton 5/6
 1:32:55 (5) U.S. Champ. 6/23

6. Michael Tarantino
 1:34:54 (6) U.S. CHamp.

7. Philip Dunn
 1:34:45 (50) Pan Am Trials 3/17
 8. Allen James
 1:36:04 (3) Chula Vista 1/28
 1:46:56 (16) Pan Am Cup 4/21
 1:34:23 (2) Welland 9/23

9. Ray Sharp
 1:36:00 (7) U.S. Champ 6/23

10. Patrick Collier
 1:34:02 (1) Rio Rancho 11/3

1:35:59 Chris Tegtmaier
 1:36:00 Ray Sharp
 1:36:58 Micahel Kazmierczak
 1:38:44 Rich Leuttchau
 1:40:59 Mark Green
 1:45:57 Dave McGovern
 1:46:01 John SOuchak
 1:50:40 Tommy Aunan
 1:50:43 Michael Bartholomew

2007 U.S. 50 Km Rankings

1. Kevin Eastler
 4:05:44 (1) U.S. Champ. 1/28
 DQ Pan Am Games 7/28
 4:31:52 (31) World Champ. 8/31

2. Philip Dunn
 4:09:54 (2) U.S. Champ. 1/28
 4:18:58 (110) Pan Am Cup 4/22
 4:15:47 (8) Pan Am Games 7/28

3. John Nunn
 4:14:16 U.S. Champ. 1/28
 4. Matt Boyles
 4:17:14 (10) Hauppauge 10/28

5. Ray Sharp
 4:26:07 (4) U.S. Champ. 1/28

6. Curt Clausen
 4:27:41 (5) U.S. Champ. 1/28
 4:40:27 (11) Pan Am Cup 4/22

2007 Top 13 Performers

4:05:44 Kevin Eastler
 4:09:54 Philp Dunn
 4:14:16 John Nunn
 4:17:14 Ray Sharp
 4:26:07 Ray Sharp
 4:27:41 Curt Clausen
 4:30:24 Steve Quirke

7. Mark Green
 4:37:28 (6) U.S. Champ. 1/28
 4:45:07 (13) Pan Am Cup 4/22

8. Marco Evoniuk
 4:39:37 (7) U.S. Champ. 1/28

9. Stephen Quirke
 4:30:24 (1) Kenosha 10/14

10. Ben Shorey
 4:33:29 (20) Kenosha 10/14

4:33:29 Ben Shorey
 4:37:28 Mark Green
 4:38:41 Yariv Pomeranz
 4:39:07 Marco Evoniuk
 4:44:20 John Soucheck
 4:53:23 Mike Bartholomew

2007 U.S. Best Junior 10 Km Performances—Women

51:49.96 Lauren Fougues
 53:45:42 Le'erin Voss
 54:34.69 Diana Rado
 54:58.11 Jenna Monahan
 55:46.75 Christina Peters

55:48 Pamela Alva
 56:54.9 Melissa Moeller
 57:35.04 Allison Chin
 58:57.27 Amanda Johnson
 59:57 Chelsea Conway

2007 U.S. Best Junior 10 Km Performances—Men

47:28.84 Roberto Vergara
 47:59.72 Ricardo Vergara
 50:25.99 Trevor Barron
 51:00.55 Matthew Forgues
 53:07.78 Evan Crowdus

54:46.63 Abraham Villareal
 57:29.54 Grant Bacon
 57:40.05 Tyler Campbell
 59:07.0 Kelvin Shuneson

And Now, For Some Results:

5 Km, New York City, Dec. 16—1. Leo Romero 27:12 2. Justijana Roseman 29:09 3. Bruce Logan (41) 30:10 4. Robert Mullen (60) 30:26 5. David Lee (51) 31:03 6. Alexis Davidson (52) 31:08 7. Frank Stonitsch (62) 33:06 8. Myrian Rangon (40) 33:20 9. Yun Shi Lu (17) 33:47 10. Frank Bergson (68) 34:11 (20 finishers) **5 Km, Boulder, Col., Nov. 11**—1. Victoria Herazo (48) 29:28 2. Darla Young (50) 29:57 3. Mike Blanchard (46) 30:31 4. Barbara Amador (48) 30:48 5. Marianne Martino (57) 31:05 6. Sherrie Gossert (55) 31:58 7. Mary Gilbert (58) 34:19 8. Ray Franks (72) 34:22 9. Rita Sinkovec (68) 34:28 (19 finishers) **5 Km, Brighton, Col., Nov. 23**—1. Dan Pierce (51) 28:04 2. Barbara Amador 29:56 3. Daryl Meyers (64) 30:40 4. Sherrie Gossert 30:44 5. Mary Gilbert 33:07 6. Gus Nyberg (51) 34:03 **5 Km, Aurora, Col., Nov. 24**—1. Daryle Meyers 31:04 **27th Annual Giulio de Petra 10 Km Megawalk, Monterey, Cal., Oct. 28**—1. Kelly Wong 55:12 2. Alex Price 57:46 3. Joe Berendt (50+) 58:02 4. Bill Penner (61) 60:00 5. James Beckett (69) 60:54 6. Jay Deep Bhatia (16) 61:16 7. Karen Stoyanowski (52) 63:40 8. Louise Walters (67) 63:23 9. Leslie Sokol (50)

63:27 10. Mary Baglin (60) 64:16 11. Susan Mears (52) 65:47 12. Ronald Walters (69) 66:25
 13. Hansi Rigney (66) 67:35 14. Quang Than (52) 67:43 (20 finishers, 3 DQ) **5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal., Nov. 5**—1. Nicki Goldman 30:16 2. Karen Stoyanowski 30:18 3. Louise Walters 30:44 (9 finishers) Men—1. Alex Price 27:31 2. Joe Berendt 28:22 3. Jim Beckett 29:24 4. Jack Bray 29:45 5. Ron Walters 32:09 (10 finishers) **2.8 Miles, Seattle, Nov. 10**—1. Dan Pierce 25:11 2. Bob Novak (58) 25:35 3. Anne Tuberg (47) 26:33 4. Richard Zerbe (69) 29:45 5. Richard Jeffers-Schroeder (70) 00 6. Rebecca Kettwig (36) 30:27 7. Jocelyn Slaughter (48) 30:57

Southeast Asia Games, Korat, Thailand, Dec. 9: Women's 20 Km—1. Yuan Yu Fang, Malaysia 1:41:47 2. Darwati, India 1:43:51 3. Lar Nwe Saw, Myanmar **Men's 20 Km**—1. Teoh Boon Lim, Malaysia 1:30:37 2. Kristian Lumban Tobung, India 1:32:57 3. Indra, India 1:35:45 **Australian 50 Km, Melbourne, Dec. 15**—1. Jared Tallent 3:44:45 2. Adam Rutter 3:52:49 (In his 50 Km debut at age 20. Tallent is just 22 and bettered his personal record by more than 10 Minutes. So, a talent emerges. These two will join the pre-selected Nathan Deakes on the Australian 2008 Olympic team) 3. Luke Adams 3:53:29 (Already on team at 20 Km) 4. Duane Cousins 3:55:57 5. Chris Erickson 3:59:02 6. Darren Brown 4:04:?? 7. Tom Barnes 4:11:?? Also Andrew Jameison (61) 4:31 **Women's 20 Km, same place**—1. Claire Woods 1:36:39 **Women's 10 Km, same place**—1. Jess Rothwell (18) 47:03 **Jr. Men's 10 Km, same place**—1. Daniel Coleman (17) 44:59 2. Rydian Cowley (16) 46:42 3. Brendan Reading (18) 46:57

In the New Year, Your Racewalking Friends Offer:

Sun. Jan. 6 National Women's and Masters 50 Km, also 5 and 20 Km, Houston (L)
 9 Km, New Orleans (L)
 Indoor 1600 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Vir., 7:45 am (S)
 Sat. Jan. 12 Indoor 3 Km, Franklin, Indiana (B)
 2.8 Miles, Seattle, Wash. (C)
 10 Km, Los Angeles (Y)
 Sun. Jan. 13 Marathon and Half-Marathon, Mobile, Ala. (K)
 Sun. Jan. 20 Indoor 1600 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Vir. 7:45 am (S)
 10 Mile and 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (Y)
 Sat. Jan. 26 Indiana Indoor 3 Km Championship, Frankon (B)
 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
 Fri. Feb. 1 **National USATF Indoor 1 Mile, New York City (D)**
 Sun. Feb. 3 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
 Indoor 1600 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Vir. (S)
 Sat. Feb. 9 Indoor 5 Km, Franklin, Indiana (B)
 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)
 Sun. Feb. 10 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
50 Olympic Trials, Planation, Florida (E)
 5 Km, Los Angeles area (Y)
 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
 Sun. Feb. 17 **National USATF Indoor 3 Km Women, 5 Km Men, Boston (D)**
 Fri. Feb. 22 Indiana Indoor 5 Km Championship, Franklin (B)
 Sat. Feb. 23 10 Km, Sant Ana, Cal. (Y)
 Sun. Feb. 24 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)
 Sat. March 8 Metropolitan Indoor 3 Km/1 Mile, Youth 1500 m, New York City (G)
 Indoor 5 Km, Indianapolis (B)

Sat. March 22 Indoor 5 Km, Indianapolis (B)
 Fri. March 28 **USATF National Masters Indoor 3 Km, Boston (D)**

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From Heel To Toe

Early selection for two Finns at 50. We noted earlier in this issue that Australia has already selected three walkers for the 2008 Olympics. News from Finland, via Harry Siitonen in Berkeley, is that racewalkers Jarkko Kinnunen and Antti Kempas are among four track and field athletes picked early by the Finnish Olympic Committee for Beijing Olympics. Kinnunen and Kempas finished tenth and eleventh at the World Championship 50 in Osaka last summer. They join World Javelin Champion Tero Pirkamaki and marathoner Janne Holmen, who finished ninth in Osaka, on the team. These athletes are considered in a class of their own in their events in Finland and the early notice will help them facilitate their training preparation for the Games. . **Final Megawalk.** Earlier in this issue, you will see the results of the Magawalk in California. It was the 28th edition of the event which has a history tied to the life of the Monterey Peninsula Walk Walk Walk Club founder, Giulio de Petra. He was the inspiration, the sustenance, the breath, the push, the organization, the love that pushed the race forward for all those years. Giulio was committed to racewalking as one of the true pioneers in the sport having been involved in Italian and European racewalking in the 1920s and 1930s. World War II intervened to break up his great success as a seven-time Italian Champion in various distances and he didn't take up the RW torch again until he retired

from his job as the Chairman of the Italian Department at the Army Language School in Monterey, Cal. That was the year 1978 and from then on racewalking became part of the Monterey Peninsula vocabulary. He taught racewalking classes at Monterey Peninsula Junior College and enrolled the round, the old, the artists, the business people, anyone who wanted to be fit by doing it his way, "the racewalking way". He was the founder and president of the Monterey Club, which once had about 100 members. For 5 years, he organized the National 50 Km Championships. He started the race known as the Megawalk in 1980 and after his death in 1995, it became known as the Giulio de Petra Memorial Megawalk. Since then, his daughter, Hansi Rigney, with much help from club members, family, and friends has organized the annual race. In the last few years, the Club membership has dwindled making it very difficult to sustain a race that requires an input of resources of time, people, and money. Thus, this year's race was the finale. . . **Clausen report.** Curt Clausne, the all-time best U.S. 50 Km walker (and near the top at 20) "retired" two years ago, but enill managed a 4:27 and No. 6 ranking this year. With law degree in hand, he reports that he began a new job as an associate at Skadden Arps, et al, New York City's largest firm in September. He is working in the antitrust department, which also has a significant sports industry practice. His first major case is a suit by Madison Square Garden against the National Hockey League over control of the New York Rangers website, with Skadden representing the League. His work doesn't leave time for any serious training, but he lives just three blocks from Central Park where he gets in a 6 mile loop now and again. He notes that Paul Schwartzburg, who staged a comeback a couple of years ago with the Varsano's Chocolates gang, also lives near the Park, on the east side (Curt is on the North side), but any mutual morning workouts in the Park remain in an initial planning discussions mode. . . **Osaka videos.** Former international walker and avid collector of memorabilia, Tom Dooley, has a video of the Osaka World Championship in its entirety in PAL format. He suggests that if someone has the 20 he would be willing to exchange. You can contact Tom at 2817 San Simeon Way, San Carlos, CA 94070. As an aside, Tom notes in regard to training techniques, that East Germany's 1972 Olympic 20 Km Champion Peter Frenkel incorporated 100 meter sprints pulling a tire attached to a belt some 40 years ago. This a strength technique long advocated by two-time World Cup bronze medalist, Ron Larid in his clinics and writing. But Ron suggested dragging a tire, or tires, for distances up to 6 miles. Not sure if he was a disciple of Frenkel or developed the technique independently. . .

Another Honor for Ecuador's Perez

by Javier Clavelo Robinson, IAAF

Ecuador's three-time World Champion Jefferson Perez and Brazil's FIFA World Soccer Play of the Year Kaka were selected the best Latin American sportsmen of the year as they both finished with the same number of votes in the annual *Prensa Latina* survey. For the first time in the 43-year history of the poll, two men shared the top honor as world's No. 1 golfer Lorena Ochoa of Mexico and the Brazilian men's volleyball team were voted the best sportswoman and team, respectively.

Ed. A feather in the cap of our sport, although I am sure die-hard soccer fans won't be pleased with the outcome. I'm a soccer fan, but not die-hard, so I'm disappointed that Jefferson didn't get one more vote, but we should be pleased that he got enough to tie the premier player in the world's premier sport.

"I would like to express my gratitude for having picked me among all the best sportspeople in this survey," Perez told *Prensa Latina* from his home in Ecuador. "I believe

this award does not go to an individual, but to a country that can do extraordinary things in all walks of life," he added and called his fellow citizens to try to be the best in each of their tasks.

The 32-year old from Cuenca won the 1996 poll (following his Olympic gold medal), but could not travel to Cuba for the awards ceremony due to a very busy agenda. "I have never been to Cuba (where the award is presented) and hope to visit it and discover the Latin American country with the best education infrastructure", he stressed. Perez, winner of three World Cup and three pan American titles, as well as the 1996 Olympic gold, pointed out that he's planning to attend his fifth Olympic Games in Beijing "I have been lucky to win three Pan American Games, three World Championships, and three World Cups. However after winning 10 global medals, my body is starting to give me problem," he said.

Perez is currently facing some health adversities that have prevented him from training in the past two weeks. Doctors are looking at the best method for him to endure one more season. "Nothing is certain, but If God and my body allow, I will be happy to be at the Beijing Olympics", he stated. He believes the *Prensa Latina* survey proves that "within the people of Ecuador, there is an individual who succeeded in becoming World Champion and being among the best in his specialty

Perez is comfortably leading a BBC survey to select the best sportman in Ibero-America.

The Ongoing Ladany Odyssey

Each year, I am honored to receive Shaul Ladany's holiday letter, which, among other things, recaps his endurance walking feats for the year. For those not acquainted with the Ladany legacy, Shaul is an Israeli who survived both the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during World War II and the terrorist attack on the Israeli compound at the Berlin Olympics, where he competed in the 50 Km racewalk. Shaul spent several years in the U.S. as a professor of industrial engineering, and during that period won U.S. titles at 100 KM (1974) and 75 Km (1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977). His 7:04:48 for 75 in 1977 remains as a record at that no longer contested distance and his 10:12:53 for 100 in 1974 stood as the record until Dan Pierce walked 9:36:33 in 1987. He also became a U.S. Centurion (see discussion of Centurion races in last month's ORW) in 1973 when he finished 100 miles in 19:38:26 in Columbia, Missouri. He also was a winner in the famous London-to-Brighton walk in England. Shaul completed another 100 miler in Ashtabula, Ohio in 2006 (reported in these pages). Each summer, he enjoys a series of long walks in Europe certainly putting the energizer bunny to shame. Here is Shaul's report on his endurance feats for 2007.

"In April, I celebrated my 71st birthday with a 75-km walk (instead of 71 as I was walking in Omer on a 5-km loop), and many friends accompanied me for various shorter distances. It was followed with the Gilboa IML two-day march (which I did back and forth), and the the 65-km Lake Tiberias circuit that I organize. At the end of May, I finished for the seventh consecutive time the strenuous four-day 300 Km Paris-Tubize (Brussels) walk without unusual difficulties. The Summer routine of the sequence of the 200-Km five-day Hanseatic walk in Germany, the 300-km seven-day Schleswig-Viborg (Denmark), the 162-km four-day Nijmegen (Holland) march (with more than 40,000 participants), mountain training around Zermatt (Switzerland) with climbs from 1000 meters altitude above sea level to over 3000 meters, followed by the Austrian mountain walks, consisting of the 120-Km three-day event in Knittelfeld, the 173-km four-day walk in Tauplitz, and ending with the three-day march in Moedling, were enjoyable 1400 km during a 40-day outing in Europe. . .

"In September, I was honored by the International Olympic Committee, being

awarded the Pierre de Coubertin Medal for my Sports Achievements. In about 20 years, I am the second Israeli athlete to be bestowed with this honor. On October 2 was the 51st participation in the Jerusalem march (the remnant of the four-day Israeli march), and four days later my 47th Lake Innereth 4-km swim (without any swimming practice since previous year's event.) Since November, there are again at least two events per month in Israel I take part in, marches or runs (in which I racewalk), and this intensity should stay until the end of next April.

"At the end of November, Shosh and I were invited (with tickets paid) to attend the opening ceremony of the new museum at Bergen-Belsen in Germany. In 1944, at age 8, I was an inmate for half a year of that infamous concentration camp. At that time, I almost starved to death, but survived. Now we were fed so much that the over-eating almost killed me. Since the original scenario 63 years ago, I have visited this place (in which 72,000 inmates perished) several times, but every time it is an emotionally sad experience.

"Finally, there is good news in regard to the publication of the English version of my autobiography. The Gefen Publishing Co. That has offices both in New York and Jerusalem, agreed to publish it. The English title: King of the Road: From Bergen-Belsen to the Olympic Games. Hopefully the book will reach the market sometime in the Spring. To convince the publisher to publish the book and reduce his risk, I had to agree to give up the royalties on the first 3000 copies of the book. I hope that more books will be sold"

(Ed. Shaul's book was published in 1997. He sent me a copy then in which he had inscribed: "This is not only a book in a language you cannot understand, but it is also written with letters you can't read." He didn't even mention the confusion, if I did know the letters, of reading from back to front and from right to left. But, as he said, the pictures alone tell a story. So, I cherish the book and look forward to the opportunity of having a copy I can read. Anyway, I am sure Shaul will let me know when the English version is released and I will pass the information on so that ORW readers can make a dent on those 3000 copies.)

LOOKING BACK

45 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1962 Race Walker published by Chris McCarthy)—Ron Laird was given the Mike Riban trophy as the Outstanding US Racewalker for 1962. . .Laird also turned in a 6:49.3 mile in Chicago, his home at that time, and recorded the fast time in an icy 10 Mile Handicap race with a 1:19:27, followed by McCarthy's 1:21:03 and Zinn's 1:21:08. . .Martin Rudow won a Portland, Oregon 10 Km in 52:11. . .Fastest mile of the early season was 6:45.3 by Alan Blakeslee in New York. . .Ron Kulik won a rare 880 yard walk in the Newark, N.J. Armory in 3:19, with Elliott Denman and Terry Anderson 8 seconds back.

40 Years Ago (From the December 1967 ORW)—Chuck Newell, ignored the 15 F temperature and 10 to 15 mph winds, not to mention a dark night, to win the Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Handicap in Columbus. Taking full advantage of his 5 minute headstart, he finished 45 seconds ahead of Jack Blackburn, who had the evening's fast time of 47:59. . .In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American record for 50 Km with a 4:30:29 on the Sonoma State College track in California. On the way, he picked up records at 35 Km, 25 miles, and 40 Km. . .In the National 35 Km in Kansas City, Dan Totheroh easily beat Gerry Bocci and Bryon Overton with a 3:13:04. . .In a New Jersey 10 Miler, Dave Romansky won in 1:19:12, followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany—all international competitors at some time in their careers.

35 Years Ago (From the December 1972 ORW)—The ORW published its Third Annual World Rankings with East Germany's Peter Frenkel and West Germany's Bern Kannenberg leading at 20 and 50 Km, respectively. Frenkel was followed by Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR and Hans-Gerog Reimann, East Germany, with Larry Young, U.S., in 10th. Kannenberg was followed by Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Young. Young, of course topped the U.S. rankings in both events, followed by Tom Dooley and Goetz Klopfer at 20, and Bill Weigle and Bob Kitchen at 50.

25 Years Ago (From the December 1982 ORW)—The ORW World Rankings saw Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Raul Gonzalez on top at 20 and 50 Km respectively, with their countrymen dominating other positions. At 20, Domingo Colin was second and Gonzales fourth, sandwiching East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller. Maurizio Damilano, Italy, was fifth. At 50, Peror Aroche and Enrique Vera made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the Mexicans, with Italy's Paolo Grecucci and USSR's Veniamin Soldatenko taking the next two spots. The U.S. rankings saw Neal Pyke on top at 20 and Larry Young at 50. Todd Scully, Dan O'Connor, and Tom Dooley followed at 20, and Augie Hirt, O'Connor, and Bob Rosencrantz at 50. . .John Knifton won the National Postal 1 Hour, covering 8 miles 181 yards, just 24 yards ahead of Tom Dooley. Wayne Glusker also surpassed 8 miles and Larry Walker finished fourth. Ron Kulik won the Master's title with 7 miles 760 yards. (We weren't doing women's rankings yet—we started the following year—because there wasn't sufficient activity in women's walking to justify rankings.)

25 Years Ago (From the December 1982 ORW)—Dan O'Connor had fast time in the Coney Island 10-Mile Handicap race with 1:13:20, but couldn't catch Pete Timmons, who made his handicap hold up with the second best time of 1:14:21. . .Chris Knotts won the 3rd Annual Doc Blackburn 75 Km in Springfield, Ohio with 8:44:48. . .In the ORW World Rankings, Spain's Jose Marin was on top at 20, Mexico's Raul Gonzales at 50, the USSR's Aleksandra Deverinskaya at 5, and Australia's Sue Cook at 10. U.S. rankings saw Jim Heiring, Ray Sharp, and Marco Eonniuk at 20; Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Vincent O'Sullivan at 50; Susan Liers-Westerfield, Teresa Vaill, and Susan Brodock at 5; and Liers-Westerfield, Brodock, and Vaill at 10.

20 Years Ago (From the December 1987 ORW)—In the ORW rankings, Irina Stankina, USSR led the women's 10, followed by her compatriot Olga Kristop, and Aussie Kerry Saxby. Maryanne Torrellas, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik were the top-ranked U.S. women. At 20 Km, Mauricio Damilano, Italy, Josef Pribilinec, Czech, and Jose Marin, Spain led the World Rankings, with Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp the top three in the U.S. At 50, the GDR's Hartwig Gauder and Ron Weigel were on top, followed by Vyatcheslav Ivanenko, USSR. Schueler, Marco Evoniuk, and Jim Heiring were atop the U.S. rankings. . . Bob Mimm and Visha Sedlak were the top U.S. competitors at the World Veterans Games in Melbourne. Viisha won at both 5 Km (24:51) and 10 Km (52:38) in the women's 35-39 group, and Bob won at both 5 Km (26:42) and 20 Km (1:49:09) in the men's 60-64 group.

15 Years Ago (From the December 1992 ORW)—China's Yueling Chen, who eventually raced for the U.S. in the 2000 Olympics, topped the women's 10 Km in the ORW World Rankings. Her Olympic win put her ahead of Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia, and Madelein Svensson, Sweden. Debbi Lawrence, Victoria Herazo, and Teresa Vaill were atop the U.S. rankings. The World 20 Km rankings saw Spain's Daniel Plaza ahead of Guillaume Leblanc, Canada, and Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy. In the U.S., it was Allen James, Jonathan

Matthews, and Tim Lewis. At 50, it was Andrei Perlov, Russia, Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, and Ronald Weigel, Germany in the World Rankings, and Carl Scheuler, Herm Nelson, and Marco Evoniuk in the U.S.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1997 ORW)—Again we had the annual rankings. Women's 10 Km—Anna Rita Sidote, Italy, Erica Alfridi, Italy, and Irina Stankina, Russia; US—Victoria Herazo, Debbie Lawrence, and Gretchen Eastler. Men's 20 Km—Daniel Garcia, Mexico; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; and Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; US—Curt Clausen, Andrew Hermann, and Tim Seaman. Men's 50—Jesus Garcia, Spain; Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; and Oleg Ishutkin, Russia; U.S.—Hermann, Andrzej Chylinski, and Mark Green.

5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 2002 ORW)—And here's the envelope for the rankings once again: Men's 20 Km—Francisco Fernandez, Spain; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; and Valdimir Andreyev, Russia; U.S.—Tim Seaman, Al Heppner, and Kevin Eastler. Women's 20 Km—Olipiada Ivanova, Russia; Erica Alfridi, Italy; and Elena Nikolayeva, Russia; U.S.—Joanne Dow, Teresa Vaill, and Amber Antonia. 50 Km—Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Aleksey Voevodin, Russia, and German Skurygin, Russia; U.S.—Philip Dunn, Curt Clausen, and Tim Seaman.

And looking way back—a bit of history from the Feb. 23, 1917 *N.Y. Times*, as dredged up from somewhere by Dave McGovern:

Record For Rolker In Walk To Coney

Covers 10 ½ Miles Over Slushy Roads in 1:26:50 In Annual Hike TO Shore

Splashing through puddles of slush and plodding over roads covered with ice and snow, Win Rolker of the Irish-American A.C. covered the distance of 10 ½ miles in the record-smashing time of 1:26:50 yesterday in the sixth annual hike of the Walkers's Club of America. The former record, made by Dick Remer, was 1:28. Remer started from scratch in yesterday's race and, in actual time, he was second with 1:27:01. Remer, however, starting from scratch, had no chance to finish anywhere, and trailed home in thirtieth place.

The walk was won by Louis Labowitz of the Walkers' Club, who had a handicap of 14 minutes. Labowitz did not go into first place until the last quarter of a mile, for I. Greengold of the Harlem Y.M.H.A. held the lead until he neared the finish on Coney Island Boulevard. Greengold was rather fatigued and when Labowitz pulled up alongside of him, the pace was too much for Greengold and he fell back into second place. Rolker came along in third place and finished strong, his handicap being six minutes. Labowitz's time was 1:34:23 and Greengold finished in 1:50:28.

There was a large field of starters, 117 walkers lining up in front of the City Hall, where a crowd of more than 3000 watched the hikers get away. Thousands lined the course at different places along the route. It was especially bad going along Flatbush Avenue and along the Boulevard, where the walkers not only had a difficult time keeping out of the slush, but also in dodging the string of automobiles that were constantly frightening the athletes with their horns.

It was difficult going which spurred the walkers on to a greater speed, and the effort Rolker made in battling his way through the slush brought him to the record-breaking pace. He started off at a fast clip, and walked the most consistent match of the large field. He kept up a steady gait throughout, never varying his speed even over the worst places along the route.

It was a cosmopolitan lot of walkers that made the long tramp. They were of all

nationalities and ages; they were of all sizes, and showed a wonderful variation of styles. The walking form of many of the contestants was so closely akin to the old-time go-as-you-please pace that 41 were disqualified. Many of those who were looked upon as favorites finished pretty well back. John Anthony of Stuyvesant Evening Training School was seventh, while W.J. McFadden of the Newark AC was tenth. Frank Kaiser of the Morningside AC was eleventh.

Rolker, Remer, and Kaiser all bettered the former record. There was a large representation of the "old boys" as they call the veteran pedestrians and many of them finished in better shape than the younger contestants. The veteran, James H. Hosking, landed twenty-third place. When the walk was finished, all the contestants sat down to a meal in a Coney Island restaurant, and all known eating records were broken. The restaurant man said he had never served such a famished lot of people in his career.

1. L. Labowitz, Walkers Club 1:34:23 (30 min. headstart) 2. L. Greengold, Harlem YMHA 1:50:38 ((30 min.) 3. W. Rolker, Irish American AC 1:26:50 (6 min.) 4. James Hall, Walkers Club 1:33:21 (14 min.) 5. A. J. Jungbluth 1:43:43 (23 min.) 6. L. Hohmeyer, Walkers Club 1:37:02 (15 min.) 7. John Anthony, Stuyvesant 1:36:08 (14) 8. W. Kauffman, Harlem YMHA 1:44:38 (22 Min.) 9. E. Harington, Steinway CAA 1:48:10 (25) 10. W. J. McFadden, NYAC 1:28:27 (5 min.) 11. Frank Kaiser, Morningside AC 1:27:50 (4 min) 12. Herman Kandowitz, Morningside AC 1:35:30 (12 Min.)

(Editor's note: Frank Kaiser competed in the 1912 Olympics finishing fifth in his heat of the 10 Km in 51:31.8, but he did not finish in the final. Rolker or at least William Rolker, which I am assuming was the same guy) and Remer competed in the 1920 Games in Antwerp. Remer finished third in the 3000 meters in 13:23.6 with Roelker eighth. They had finished third and fourth in a qualifying heat. Roelker also competed in the 10 Km, finishing seventh in his heat. In the 10, Joe Pearman finished second, the highest finish ever by an American in an Olympic racewalk, not counting George Bonhag's gold medal at 1500 meters in the "unofficial" 1906 Games in Athens. Elliott Denman contends that those Games held between two official Games should be considered as much as any of the recognized Olympic Games. In another note, a veteran of the Coney Island race in later years, Ron Daniel recalls, "I remember racing on the road course for several years. Try walking across the Brooklyn Bridge and then along Flatbush Avenue on Thanksgiving Thursday with no traffic control!! And there was one year where we topped 100 starters as well.)

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Derek, whose story most of you know through these pages, has released his second CD a duo recording with his friend Michael Joseph, who plays native American flute. They call their duo SOTIW (pronounced so-too)—Sketches of the Inner World. The album is Sketches in Time. Among many accolades Flyingman at WAWL, 91.5 in Chattanooga describes it thus: "A very clean, clear and well recorded acoustic release...fresh smooth original compositions. Derek (12-string guitar) is sensational and Michael's flute is as good as anything I have in my library. The selections are very diverse and the entire song list flows well, easy listening with twists that entertain thought and emotions." Visit Derek's website at www.derekmortland.com for a link to SOTIW to learn more. Or you can order the CD (\$15.00) through the ORW. End of commercial.